

Exploring the *Arizona* Trail

With over 1200 miles of auto route connecting Mexico to San Francisco, the Azusa Trail invites travelers to experience the interweaving of the three elements of the Spanish plan for colonization of its northern frontier: the presidio or fort (military), the mission (religious), and the pueblo or town (civilian). The visitor can understand the links between the presidios of Tubac, Santa Barbara, and San Francisco, experience the patterns of mission location, construction, and use, and marvel at the humble beginnings of the cities of San José (1777) and Los Angeles (1781).

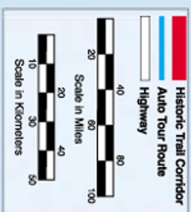
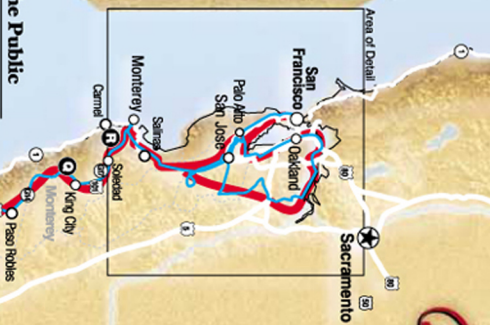
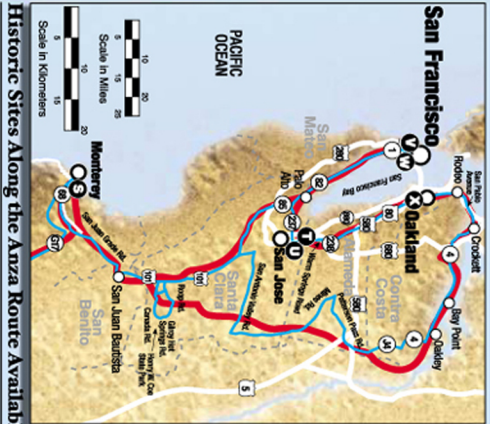
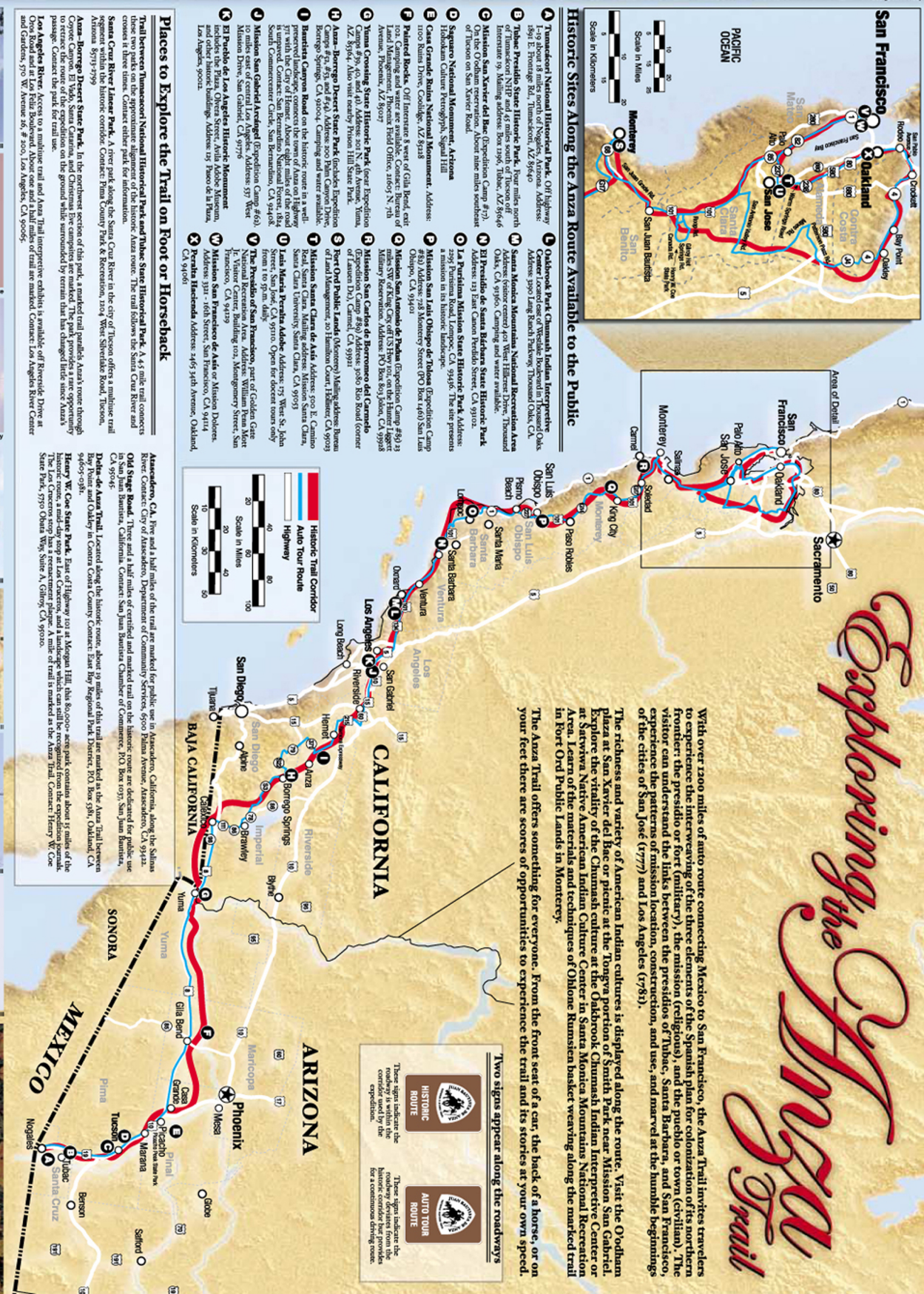
The richness and variety of American Indian cultures is displayed along the route. Visit the Oodham plaza at San Xavier del Bac or picnic at the Tongva portion of Smith Park near Mission San Gabriel. Explore the vitality of the Chinampuk culture at the Oakbrook Chinampuk Indian Interpretive Center or at Saterwa Native American Indian Culture Center in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Learn of the materials and techniques of Ohlone Krumpholtz basket weaving along the marked trail in Fort Ord Public Lands in Monterey.

The Azusa Trail offers something for everyone. From the front seat of a car, the back of a horse, or on your feet there are scores of opportunities to experience the trail and its stories at your own speed.

Two signs appear along the roadways



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Places to Explore the Trail on Foot or Horseback

Trail between Thousand Oaks National Historical Park and Thibault State Historical Park. A 4.4 mile trail connects these two parks on the approximate alignment of the historic Azusa route. The trail follows the Santa Cruz River and crosses it three times. Contact either park for information.

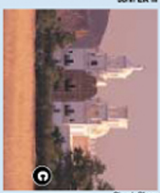
Santa Cruz River Linear Park. A river park along the Santa Cruz River in the city of Tucson offers a milelong trail segment within the historic corridor. Contact: Pima County Park & Recreation, 1204 West Silverdale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85719-9799.

Asua-Borrero Desert State Park. In the northwest section of this park, a marked trail parallels Asua's route through the desert. The trail is 1.5 miles long and is suitable for horseback riding. Contact: Santa Cruz County Park & Recreation, 1204 West Silverdale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85719-9799.

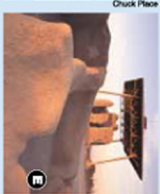
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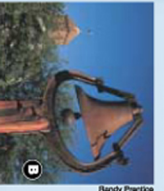
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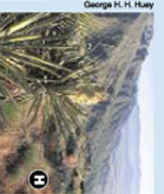
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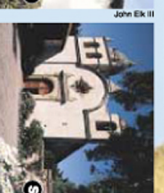
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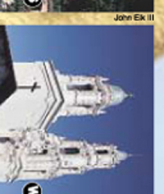
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